



Waukesha County
Criminal Justice Collaborating Council
Evidence-Based Decision Making Phase V Policy Team
Tuesday, March 15, 2016

Team Members Present:

Hon. Jennifer Dorow, Presiding Judge & Policy Team Chair
County Board Chair Paul Decker
CJCC Coordinator Rebecca Luczaj
DOC Community Corrections Field Supervisor Marla Bell
Menomonee Falls Police Chief Anna Ruzinski
Sheriff Eric Severson
County Executive Paul Farrow

WCS Administrator Sara Carpenter
District Attorney Sue Oppen
HHS Director Antwayne Robertson
Clerk of Circuit Court Kathy Madden
District Court Administrator Michael Neimon
Captain Dan Baumann

Team Members Absent:

DOC Regional Chief Sally Tess

Town of Brookfield Municipal Judge JoAnn Eiring

Victim Witness Coordinator Jen Dunn

State Public Defender Regional Attorney Manager Sam Benedict

Others Present:

Maura McMahon
Corina VanDuser
State Special Projects Coordinator Tommy Gubbin

NIC Consultant Mimi Carter
Inspector Jim Gumm

Welcome

Chair Dorow called the meeting to order at 12:04 PM.

Approve Minutes

Minutes of February 16, 2016 will be reviewed at April's meeting.

Review Goals and Agenda for the Meeting

- Present Overview of NIC Pretrial Executives Training
- Check-in on Team Member Commitment to the EBDM Initiative
- Discuss Next Steps

Overview of NIC Pretrial Executives Training

Dorow provided an overview of the Pretrial Executives Training that occurred in Colorado last week. Dorow, Luczaj, Carter, Oppen, Benedict, Eiring, and Commissioner Lau attended the training. Each member was asked to discuss their experience at this training. There was agreement that the training was interesting, provocative, intense, and informative. The training covered several components including, but not limited to: history of bail, the bail reform movement, essential components of an effective pretrial system, and risk assessment tools. The bail reform movement indicates that states are moving away from monetary bail and going towards a risk-based release-detain model. Carter stated that Waukesha County had the largest showing of any jurisdiction. There was a total of 49 members, all from EBDM jurisdictions, either county or state teams in Wisconsin, Indiana, and some from New Jersey. Over the four days, activities consisted of working in groups, team-building exercises, and team member behavioral profiling. Clear goals are to maximize public safety and maximize the reduction in failure to appear. Overall, it was determined Waukesha County is on the right track after this training. Sharing ideas and working in parallel with other jurisdictions would provide great insight on the EBDM process.

Check-in on Team Member Commitment to EBDM Initiative & Pursuing Phase VI Application

Team member commitment to the EBDM Initiative was reviewed and discussed. Facilitators of this meeting agreed that something is inhibiting the group from reaching their true potential. Members have become more effective in their small groups; however, they need to be more effective in the large group. Dorow asked each person present to comment on their commitment level. Every committee member present commented that they are fully committed, and provided in-depth reasoning as to their commitment level, issues or concerns, frustrations they may have had, how this process affects or relates to their department, and their future outlook on this process. A few members expressed being passionate about their work and wanted to remind others that their passion should not be mistaken for arrogance or indifference. Some issues discussed were the effect on the budget, public perception of this process, maximizing resources, and efficiency. Several members in law enforcement agreed that this process affects their department differently due to working firsthand with offenders along with other contributing factors. The primary focus is on public safety as well as the financial, political, and economic aspects. It was repeatedly acknowledged that in order to communicate with the public, we need proof and facts that this process is going to work. Carter appreciated what all the members shared and asked everyone to trust the process. There are high hopes that this conversation cleared the air.

Next Steps

Review Assignments between Now & April Meeting

There was discussion and agreement to change the next meeting in April from April 12th to April 13th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Luczaj will send out an Outlook notice for this new meeting time. Workgroups will continue to meet and will report out at the next meeting in April. Workgroups will be presenting their recommended change strategy and the Policy Team will vote on approval of those strategies.

Review Agenda Items for 4/13/16 Policy Team Meeting at 9 AM

- Work Group Reporting & Presenting
- Input of Scorecard on the Justice System
- Check-in on Application Process for Phase VI
- Communications Plan – What message should we give to others?

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.